## **Press Release Statement**

CITY OF CLUTE RESPONSE TO COVID 19 UPDATE March 23, 2020

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

As the City continues to adapt its response to the CoVid 19 Pandemic we are instituting a number of changes to our operational plan moving forward. Some of the below listed changes have been publicized previously others are new, they are as follows:

- All meetings of the City Council, Boards and Commissions are cancelled until Thursday April 9, 2020.
- All events Public and Private at all Parks and Recreation Facilities are cancelled.
- Municipal Court is suspending regular dockets until Wednesday, April 8, 2020. If you have business
  with the Court, please contact them by phone (979)265-5421. Court will consider your needs in
  the event you are unable to meet your obligations, but please stay in contact with them if that is
  the case.
- In an effort to increase the utilization of our online payment portal the City has temporarily waived all processing fees associated with Credit Card payments for Utility Bills, Permits and Court Payments.
- Beginning Thursday, March 26, 2020 Payment in Person and Permit Applications submitted in person will only be accepted between the hours of Noon and 2:00 PM. All other transactions should be handled by phone, email or online.
- There is currently <u>NO RESTRICTION</u> on Grocery Shopping, Medical Visits, Pickup of Food or Medicine/ Medical Supplies. However, the City urges EVERYONE to USE COMMON SENSE and practice SAFE SOCIAL DISTANCING. Give each other some space while in the stores and PLEASE CURTAIL gatherings, parties and other events until further notice regardless of their location.
- There are also **NO HOME TESTS** for the Virus currently approved by the FDA. Please be vigilant so as not to fall prey to scam artists and fraudulent business claims.
- Finally, <u>IF YOU ARE SICK STAY AT HOME!</u> The City is also urging employers to allow their employees to stay home when sick, the fastest way to blunt the rise in cases is to isolate when ill.

For information on the City's response and other pertinent information please check the City's website: <a href="https://clutetexas.gov/covid-19/">https://clutetexas.gov/covid-19/</a>, follow the City's Facebook page or follow us on Twitter @CluteCityMgr and @CluteOEM.

We are all in this together. Positive Attitude and Perseverance are what made Texas what it is today, let's add a little Patience into the mix to ensure Texas' greatness in the future!

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